[English]

Petroleum Exploration

1803. SHRI K.V. SURENDRA NATH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any exploratory wells have been dug by the ONGC in the off-shore of the Arabian Sea for oil during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the locations;

(c) the number of wells dug in this connection and the results of the analysis of the data therefrom;

(d) whether the ONGC proposes further exploration in this area; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. During the last 3 years, 86 wells have been drilled in the off-shore area in the Arabian Sea as per details given below :-

Year	Basin	No. of Wells	Hydrocarbon bearing
1994-95	Bombay Offshore	38	08
	Kutch Offshore	01	Nil
1995-96	Bombay Offshore	24	08
1996-97	Bombay Offshore	23	08

The results of the analysis suggest a better relative prospectivity of Bombay Offshore basin. However, the prospectivity of the Kutch basin is likely to improve after problem of subsurface imaging below the trap is tackled successfully.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. During the 9th Plan the following exploration work is planned in the offshore area in the Arabian Sea :-

Area	2D(LK)	3D(LK)	Explor-atory Wells	Explor-atory Meterage (000m)
Bombay Offshore	3,000	1,56,000	112	309.75
Kutch Offshore	-	11,000	09	34.60
Kerala Offshore	9,000	-	09	25.45
Deep Waters	-	-	07	24.80
Total	12,000	1,67,000	137	394.60

Performance of Schemes

1804. SHRI ANANT GUDHE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the performance of various schemes sponsored and implemented through Nehru Yuvak Kendras during the last five years in various States;

(b) if so, the details of the assessment/evaluation carried out with highlights of achievements and the deficiencies noticed;

(c) whether the Government propose to restructure the schemes;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of action plan finalised for schemes to be implemented through Nehru Yuvak Kendras during 1997-98 in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) to (d) Review of various Schemes sponsored and implemented through Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan is a continuing process. The implementation of schemes is monitored periodically through Annual Action Plan prepared by the Department. The schemes are restructured as and when need arises.

(e) The details are given in the statement enclosed.

Statement

Regular Programmes plan of action for Maharashtra State for the year 1997-98 based on the Guidelines for the preparation of Annual Action Plan 1997-98.

S. No.	Name of the Programme	No. of Programme	Budget Per Prog-ramme	Total Budget Estimates
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Youth Club Development Programme	30	5,625	1,68,750
2.	Vocational Training Programme	30	12,000	3,60,000
3.	Awareness Campaign	30	4,000	1,20,000
4.	Work Camp	30	7,500	2,25,000
5.	Celebration of National & International Days & Weeks including National Youth Day, Week and Awards	30	8,000	2,40,000

1	2	3	4	5
6.	Sports Promotion Programme	30	10,000	3,00,000
7.	Cultural Programme	30	4,000	1,20,000
	Total	210	51,125	15,33,750

Bridges at Jolakiasuti, Assam

1805. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a proposal for construction of a bridge at Jolakiasuti area of Dhemaji District of Assam on N.H. 52 was taken up during Eighth Plan;

(b) if so, since when the matter is pending for implementation;

(c) the reasons for delay in construction of the bridge;

(d) the names of the organisation entrusted to implement the project; and

(e) the target fixed alongwith the fund allocated during 1996-97 for construction of the project?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Estimate for Jolakiasuti Bridge was sanctioned in 1988.

(b) Since 1988.

(c) The Contractor could not execute the work of the bridge proper due to disturbed conditions prevailing in that area.

(d) Assam PWD till March, 1996 and thereafter Border Roads Organisation.

(e) The proposals have to be revised for the changed site conditions and the project is targetted for completion by 2001.

Promotion in I.R.C.C.

1806. SHRI ANCHAL DAS : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether I.R.C.C. R & P Rules were approved by MOST/D.O.P. and incumbent holding Company Secretary post got promotion/upgradation upto Secretary & GM (Admn.) only through CMD and IRCC Board without MOST/D.O.P. approval;

(b) what were the instructions and action taken on M/o Law, Justice and Company Affairs for "Profession misconduct" by IRCC;

(c) the date-wise details of officers taken loan for DDA, SFS Flats but not submitted documents to IRCC;

(d) the date-wise details of officers who are enjoying leased accommodation from corporation and HRA drawn by their wives in same station;

(e) whether incumbent involved in several cases have been made C.V.O.; and

(f) if so, give reasons/rules position for (a) to (e) above?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) In terms of Articles of Association of the Corporation, the Board of Directors are empowered to make byelaws from time to time, vary and repeal byelaws for the regulation of the business of the Corporation, its officers and servants. The R&P Rules of the Corporation were approved by the Board of Directors. No approval of DOP was taken. The Promotions/upgradation of all below Board level posts in the Corporation from time to time, including that of Secretary & GM (Admn.) have been made with the approval of the CMD/Board in the Corporation.

(b) No specific instructions of Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs on profession misconduct is available in Corporation records.

(c) There is no officer of the Corporation who has taken loan from IRCC during the last 5 years for purchase of DDA (SFS) flat.

(d) The following officers are enjoying leased accommodation from the Corporation. According to declaration given by them, their wives are not employed, and therefore, question of drawing HRA by them does not arise :

(i) Shri PC Chatterjee, Sr. Mgr. (Civil)

(ii) Shri ML Sharma, Manager (Civil)

(iii) Shri AK Mathur, Dy Manager (F&A)

In the above cases, the financial liabilities or the Corporation is restricted to the officers respective rent entitlement as per rules of the Corporation.

(e) No, Sir. The appointment of the present CVO in the Corporation is from 26.8.96 and the same is duly cleared by the Central Vigilance Commission.

(f) Rule position has been indicated in above parts.

[Translation]

Charging of Extra Money from Passengers

1807. SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH :
DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any complaint has been received regarding charging extra money from passengers for issuance of O.K. tickets by the booking agents in connivance with employees of Indian Airlines;